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Subject: Excelsior Mining / Gunnison Copper Project

Comment on Excelsior/Gunnison Underground Injection and Aquifer Exemption proposal:

I live just a few miles from the site where Excelsior is wanting to establish an In Situ copper mine in Dragoon, AZ. I'm concerned that, although the concept of having an alkaline substrate into which the sulfuric acid will be pumped is supposed to be a safeguard in the event that the well infrastructure designed to recoup the leach solution doesn't perform as expected, there is not sufficient (or any) plan in place to monitor whether or not there is, in fact, acid getting in to the groundwater beyond the hydraulic control area. We residents rely on this water and any risk to its quality is unacceptable.

Engineered systems can fail. Natural features can offer surprises that research did not prepare for. There is no guarantee that our water won't be degraded beyond the point where it can support us. It's negligent to approve the permit without requiring more to cover such eventualities.

most sincerely,

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